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1. This report describes the current status of military construction observed on KEYHOLE photography in the vicinity of Mogadiscio, the capital and principal city of Somalia (Figure 1). This construction, which is briefly described in tabular form, has taken place at both new and existing installations. These installations are either still under construction or have been expanded or completed during approximately the last 18 months. Details of similar construction at Afgoi and Balad, two towns within 20 nautical miles (nm) of Mogadiscio, are also included.

2. The construction of new facilities appears to be an effort to replace obsolescent military installations that have been in use since the pre-independence era. Mogadiscio Barracks Area Hamar Glageb is one such installation. A number of buildings have been dismantled, and this site is serving as a construction support area for the modernization of the port of Mogadiscio.

3. Pertinent data on the installations where construction has taken place is given in Table 1, and a majority of the facilities are shown in Figure 2. Details of the SA-2 sites, the SAM support facility, and the AW radar site are included in a separate NPIC report, *Air Defense Activity in Somalia*.¹

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Table 1. Selected Military Installations Near Mogadiscio, Somalia (Item numbers are keyed to Figures 1 and 2)

Item	Installation	Coordinates	Remarks
1*	Balad Commando Bn Hq	02-18-25N 045-22-55E	A tank/assault gun firing range has been added
2*	Afgoi Ammo Storage Depot	02-07-00N 045-08-00E	Seven new drive-through storage bunkers are under construction in addition to the existing 28 revetted storage bldgs
3*	Afgoi Mil Instl	02-06-00N 045-10-10E	New installation consisting of a headquarters complex (four bldgs), six barracks, one prob messhall, & 20 support bldgs
4*	Mogadiscio SA-2 SAM Site (NPIC site 2)	02-07-41N 045-16-37E	See NPIC [REDACTED], Air Defense Activity in Somalia [†]
5*	Mogadiscio Storage Facility NW	02-07-10N 045-17-05E	New facility consisting of 20 storage bldgs under construction (at least six of which are drive-through)
6*	Mogadiscio SA-2 SAM Site (NPIC site 4)	02-05-40N 045-21-15E	See NPIC [REDACTED], Air Defense Activity in Somalia [†]
7*	Mogadiscio SA-2 SAM Site (NPIC site 3)	02-05-36N 045-21-09E	See NPIC [REDACTED], Air Defense Activity in Somalia [†]
8	Mogadiscio Mil Instl N	02-06-16N 045-17-26E	An SA-2 training site with three launchers & a FAN SONG radar has been established at this new facility
9	Mogadiscio SAM Support Facility	02-04-30N 045-17-00E	See NPIC [REDACTED], Air Defense Activity in Somalia [†]
10	Mogadiscio Bks and Motor Pool (Figure 3)	02-04-45N 045-18-30E	New installation consisting of one C-shaped prob headquarters bldg, two administration bldgs, eight barracks, three vehicle storage bldgs, & one messhall
11	Mogadiscio Army GHq Mogadiscio Ministry of Defense	02-04-05N 045-18-30E	Two new two-story headquarters/administration bldgs
12	Mogadiscio Military Camp NW	02-04-15N 045-17-40E	New installation containing one C-shaped headquarters/administration bldg, three barracks, one messhall, & two support bldgs
13	Mogadiscio Army Camp NW	02-03-50N 045-18-10E	New installation containing one prob headquarters/administration bldg, one administration bldg, two barracks, two quarters, three storage bldgs, one vehicle shed, & one messhall
14	Mogadiscio AW Radar Fac	02-04-05N 045-18-20E	See NPIC [REDACTED], Air Defense Activity in Somalia [†]
15	Mogadiscio Mil Instl NW (Figure 4)	02-03-45N 045-18-30E	Expansion of this installation includes construction of a bi-wing headquarters/administration bldg, two administration bldgs, nine barracks, & footings for at least ten other bldgs
16	Mogadiscio SA-2 SAM Site (NPIC site 1)	02-03-00N 045-14-00E	See NPIC [REDACTED], Air Defense Activity in Somalia [†]
17	Mogadiscio AAA Site A Bn Hq	02-03-15N 045-17-07E	New installation containing one headquarters bldg, two barracks, two vehicle storage bldgs, one messhall, & a prob AAA training site
18	Mogadiscio Mil Instl WNW	02-03-00N 045-17-10E	New installation containing one T-shaped prob headquarters/administration bldg, three administration/classroom bldgs, & three barracks

*Not shown in Figure 2.

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